

BPA Public Involvement

From: david.abbott@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 10:29 AM
To: BPA Public Involvement
Subject: Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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As you can see by the return of the fish we need to have all of the spill we can. Thanks Dave Abbott

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Nick Abbott

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I am a lifetime resident of this area and an active outdoorsman. I am writing to you today opposing your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. The recent poor returns following the lack of spill in 2001 appear to be evidence that the spill measure has value and should be retained. When the dams were first placed in the Columbia River in the 1930s and 1940s the citizens of the Northwest were assured that the salmon runs, though likely to be impacted, would receive whatever mitigation efforts that would be necessary to protect the resource. The story since has been a long and sad one. Now another mitigation effort is being withdrawn. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving only pennies on our electric bills. That is a poor tradeoff for the citizens of the Northwest. Your clear responsibility as stewards of this priceless resource is to take whatever steps are necessary, no matter how inconvenient, to protect our fish. I ask that you do that by not allowing any reduction of spill in this or any future periods. Sincerly, Nick Abbott

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From: Anglerp@msn.com
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 3:51 PM
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From all that i have heard and read on the effects of no spill it is already obvious of the grave affect that it will have on our salmon and Steelehead fishery of the Columbia river, this year already proves that. The state spends thousands of dollors on the pikeminnow program to help in the preservation of these wonderful fish so what sence is it to spend all the time and money to help preserve when plans of no spill would only increase the damage done and in a sence waste alot of time and money.If we are going to preserve PRESERVE AND SAVE not preserve one way and damage anouther what sence is that so PLEASE SPILL NOT KILL. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill.Id rather pay a bit more on my electric bill then see our heritage species suffer due to more hydro developement, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Sincerly Patti AbbottSPILL NOT KILL!!!!!!!

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From: yarmstrong@bbec.org
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 8:32 AM
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Yvette Armstrong

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The current plan to reduce summer spill is a step in the right direction however the cost to the region is still too high. The anticipated cost is over \$1 million per fish, this is too high. Please reduce or eliminate summer spill for the purpose of saving fish.

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From: armstrja@comcast.net
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I am writing to you today to in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain—spill--for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, jason armstrong Taxpayer

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Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:40 PM
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spill dont kill

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To Whomever this may Concern, I am supporting a continued spill during the summer for many reasons. The obvious benefit to salmon and steelhead stocks is one. The other is the increased benefit to power users... Please understand the importance of the salmon and steelhead. Our future generations depend on this important resource. BPA has been active in saving our salmon/steelhead, (pikeminnow bounty, turbine screens, barging smolts) let's keep this positive effort moving Forward. Thank you

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2004 8:18 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Power operation

-----Original Message-----

From: jmima@idomail.net [mailto:jmima@idomail.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2004 6:20 AM
To: Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Subject: Power operation

Sir:

I have just learned of a proposal to adjust operations of Bonneville Dam that will increase efficiency sufficiently to delay rate increases. This is of great importance to me as a retired, fixed income person. This proposal known as a summer spill option is under consideration at this time. I realize that power rate increases are becoming as common as death and taxes but any delay in such increases have a substantial adverse effect on the lives of my family and many of my neighbors. Please support this and any similar proposal.

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Please do the right thing for the fish and let more water over the dams this season. Thanks

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I will make this brief. As an avid outdoorsman of Oregon I find it extremely important to preserve our natural resources and promote healthy fish runs throughout all of the watersheds in the Northwest. Increase the spill and help the downstream outmigrants safely travel to the ocean.

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From: jernnan@wrecwireless.coop
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 7:37 AM
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Attention: Bonneville Power Administration Corps of Engineers NOAA Fisheries Subject: Support for proposal regarding modifications to the Summer Spill Program It is my position, as a director of Wells Rural Electric Company that the proposal is positive. It will save about \$40 million per year. The savings from 2004 and 2005 will be enough to reduce power rates in 2005 by close to 5% from what they would be without the proposal. For ESA listed Snake River Fall Chinook the spill adjustment impacts less than 20 returning adults. Increases in the Pikeminnow predator reduction program will mitigate for half of the ESA listed fish that could be lost from spill reductions. The net impact is less than 10 ESA fish. The runs for non-ESA listed Fall Chinook currently exceed 384,000 fish. Approximately 123,000 of these are harvested in the river. The impact for proposed spill adjustments is 12,600 but the mitigation measures will produce 88,662 returning adults. For these reasons, and more, the proposal is a good one. This was my first response and I have not changed my mind or altered my position. I would like to see a reduction in summer spill and a complete review of all spending decisions regarding salmon recovery. Gerald V Anderson

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From: mad@ritzcom.net
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 5:19 PM
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Dale & Yvonne Anderson
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It has come to our attention that summer spill will be suspended at two dams however will continue at two others. We acknowledge that this is truly a good step in the right direction, however, the cost for fish is completely off the board. If the anticipated cost of fish savings is over \$1 million per fish, how can this be cost effective to anyone. I was once a farmer, had the government given me \$1 million to continue farming, don't you think the rest of the country would be up in arms. I'm doing my part. I quit eating salmon. If it is endangered, then everyone else should give up eating it as well. Then maybe they won't be endangered. Please suspend summer spill at the other two dams as well. Economically, we can't afford the huge expense. Sincerely, Dale and Yvonne Anderson

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It continually amazes me how the BPA and Corp of Engineers continually over look proven science to try and make more money,you folks have raped and pillaged the Columbia,Snake river ecosystems so bad you should be ashamed to be envolved.Why dont you go to the small towns such as Brewster,Bridgeport,Wenatchee and ask them how they will feel about loosing the increased numbers of summer and fall chinook after you quit summer spilling,you people always try to scare the local rate payers by telling them that their rates are going up if you dont get your way,bottom line is you are trying to generate more power to sell to other states,the BPA is not the only people that have a right on these rivers so quite trying to run things as if you are another Enron,The BPA and The Corp Of Engineers should be a zero profit enity and those Dams should be managed as #1 fish friendly and quit killing fish to try to make an extra dollar

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please do not cut down on the spills we need the fish for our economy

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I would like to make my displeasure known upon the issue of the BPA's plan to curtail summer spills over the Columbia River dams in order to retain more water for hydro generation for the benefit of the public and privately owned utilities in Washington and Oregon. This sounds to me to be a politically motivated attempt to ease wholesale energy costs for these entities at the expense of our Columbia River anadromous fish. I find this plan reprehensible and in violation of the ESA. It also negates all of the effort and dollars spent so far to preserve and rebuild these runs of fish. Recent data has shown that this years return figures were reduced by 40% due to a "No Spill" year of 2001. Doesn't this indicate to you the damage that was done to this years runs, and that by curtailing the spills this summer will have a large negative effect on the returns of 2006. I urge you to NOT support the selfish demands of the electric producers, and think of the peril that your actions will place on the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead. Please support our fish, not the Utilities,ranchers,farmers and barge companies to the detriment of fish. People, fortunately can adapt to change and find other livelihoods.Fish,sadly can not. I will be lending my support both in time and money to conservation organizations and Tribes who hold the interests of the fish above the financial benefit of those who would rather waste water that should be used for the benefit of our fish runs. Please think about your public image after bragging about helping the fish,and then turning your back on them for special interests financial gain. It's morally and ethically wrong. I hope I hear soon of a reversal of your plan to curtail this summer's spills on the Columbia. Thank you.

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Gentlemen, My name is David Adams. I am an avid sport fisherman and the father of two children who I dream of having the same opportunities to fish for the salmon and steelhead that now migrate in the Columbia River as I. I am writing to you today to in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain—spill—for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, David Adams

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Mark Arnold

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To Whom it may concern, I am a sportfishing enthusiast and I am writing to you today in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain —spill--for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. **DO NOT CUT SUMMER SPILL FOR MIGRATING SALMON!** Sincerely, Mark Arnold